

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112. By this Amendment, claims 1-19 are amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as not being proper process claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claims 1-19 are amended to be proper process claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

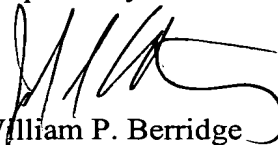
By this Amendment, claims 1-19 are amended to be proper method claims and to clarify the claim language. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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